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Re: Application of Yasuhide ODASHIMA, Satoshi FUJI, and Shigeru
YANAGIMOTO
HORIZONTALLY CONTINUOUSLY CAST ROD OF ALUMINUM ALLOY
AND METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCING THE ROD
Assignee: **SHOWA DENKO K.K.**
Our Ref: Q74947

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☑ a copy of the International Application.
- ☑ twenty-one (21) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-27).
- ☑ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☑ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☑ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☑ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☑ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>26</u>	-	20	=	<u>6</u>	x \$50.00 =	\$300.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=		x \$200.00 =	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$300.00

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Search Fee*	\$400.00
Examination Fee*	\$200.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	\$360.00
Excess Application Pages	\$250.00
<u>TOTAL FEE</u>	<u>\$1810.00</u>

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1810.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority/Benefit is claimed from:

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Respectfully submitted,

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